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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

LONG, RAMBLING, OCCASIONALLY DISCORDANT AND CONTRADICTORY ZAIRE PRESS AGENCY (AZAP) PIECE JANUARY 21 DISCUSSES U.S. FOREIGN POLICY SINCE 1945. THE DOMINANT THEME OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, ACCORDING TO THE AZAP ARTICLE, IS THAT WHEN THE INTERESTS OF THE US AND ITS ALLIES ARE DIRECTLY CONCERNED, AMERICA HAS ALWAYS PLAYED A PROMINENT ROLE ON THE WORLD SCENE, USUALLY FOLLOWED BY A WITHDRAWAL TO CONCENTRATE ON INTERNAL ISSUES. AS CONCERNS AFRICA, AMERICA'S "PARALYSIS" HAS PERMITTED THE SOVIETS TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. "THE DEFEAT REGISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES IN ANGOLA IS ALSO THE DEFEAT OF ALL DIPLOMACY BASED ON CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS. IT ALSO IS EVIDENCE OF THE END OF A DIPLOMATIC ERA, THAT OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER...(WHO) HAS LOST HIS STANDING OVERSEAS AS IN THE UNITED STATES." MOREOVER, AMERICAN AID, WHICH "ALWAYS FOLLOWS ITS MILITARY STRATEGY," HASN'T DONE MUCH FOR AFRICA AND THE THIRD WORLD, "WHEN THE COMMUNIST DANGER IN AFRICA THREATENS AT A TIME WHEN THE UNITED STATES IS WITHDRAWING LITTLE BY LITTLE, STEP-BY-STEP, FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE..." IN CONCLUSION, AZAP OPINES THAT "THE INTERFERENCE OF CONGRESS IN THE ANGOLAN AFFAIR

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IS THE SIGN OF THE DECADENCE OF THE AMERICAN SYSTEM, WHERE THE ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE WAS SHACKLED BY THE FORMER. IN THE NEW POLICY OF BALANCE AND REGIONAL INTERVENTION, EACH STATE WILL HAVE TO ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A REGIONAL POLITICAL STRATEGY. ...THE WAY IN WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE WILL LEAD THEIR FOREIGN POLICY WILL CONFIRM OR DENY THIS HYPOTHESIS." ITEM

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